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GOD IS LOVE

THE PILLAR

THE TRUTH

THE CROSS THEN A CROWN

(Dedicated to shut-ins and those who are heartbroken.)

I know not why God's hand laid me
On a sickbed all the time,
While others travel here and there
With everything going fine.

It is not mine to question Him,
Because He has said in His Word,
All things work together for good
To them that love the Lord.

Oftentimes the friends I've trusted
Ignore and mistreat me so;
But in this I have learned a lesson—
Always to the Savior go.

He has given such glorious promises—
"I will always be your friend;
In your trials, temptations, testings,
I'll go with you to the end."

Jesus has told us life is a vapor
That appears for a little while;
So, dear suffering shut-in Christian,
Soon tears will be turned to smiles.

No chastening for the moment is joyous
But in nothing should we frown;
Be not weary, it's he that endureth
Who'll exchange the cross for a crown.

—*Alva Lee Hendon.*

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"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us," Romans 8:18.

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NOTES
From My
LETTERS
By
J. H. WALKER
General Overseer

TELEGRAM

Just set a good church in order in Bakersfield. Seventeen members. House full tonight. Rev. Stienburgh, evangelist. This makes four good ones (churches) already.—John E. Douglas, overseer of California.

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I am highly enjoying my new field of labor this year. I am able to continue my radio work here, for which I am thankful. The things that make me feel the best about the radio work are the reports that reach me of some being saved. It is gratifying to know that we can reach the hearts of men and women through this method. Just the other day word came to me that a crippled man who is unable to attend church was saved while listening to the program.

In connection with the church work we are also having street services each Saturday evening here in town. I purchased a fine public address system for this work, and it is gratifying to preach to men and women in the streets and tell them of Jesus and His great love. One of the members is conducting services at the county stockade for the prisoners each Sunday afternoon, and I hear good reports from this service.—J. A. Cross, pastor at Sulphur Springs, Florida.

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It's a custom with the Dakotas. We have sent $184.01 to Brother Boehmer for the aged ministers' fund. This more than doubles our quota. Last year we gave $141.95. I wish it were possible to let every aged minister that receives assistance know that it did not take any pressure to secure these funds but is the result of a sincere appreciation for their great contribution to the Church.—Glyndon Logsdon, overseer of the Dakotas.

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We have just closed what was said to be the best revival Fort Myers has had in a long time. The revival was conducted by Rev. Colon T. Dunn. Brother Dunn is certainly a good evangelist. We appreciated his faithful work here very much. There were thirty who testified to being saved, about fifteen sanctified, and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost. Fifteen were baptized in water, and eighteen united with the church. Please pray that God will help us to keep this good work going at Fort Myers.—M. M. Thomas, pastor, Fort Myers, Florida.

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TELEGRAM

Good news from Jacksonville church. Revival with Rev. Colon Dunn been going one week and half. Forty saved, nineteen sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen added to church, and revival still going.—L. R. Alderman, pastor, Jacksonville, Florida.

Notices

For the benefit of Service men, Rev. C. E. Neal is pastor at Mineral Wells, Texas. His address is 1302 S. E. 9th Ave., Mineral Wells, Texas.

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WANTED: A young man to play the piano for church services, who also plays a guitar and sings. Please contact me at once.—Rev. J. W. Hannah, Box 262, Toccoa, Ga.

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We are working for God out here in Bisbee, Ariz., and we want those who have friends or loved ones located at Bisbee, Lowell, Warren, or anywhere near Bisbee, to send us their address. Our church is located at 301 Tombstone Canyon, telephone 949-W.—H.W. Pugh, district pastor, Box 1734, Bisbee, Ariz.

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Church Going Good

MARKED TREE, ARK.—Greetings to one and all. We still have victory over sin. The church here is going good. We think we have a real man of God for a pastor, Brother Wright, a man who has the leading of the Lord. He has what it takes to preach the real Word without letting down. We all love him. We are having some wonderful times in the services of the Lord from time to time. Those of you passing through stop and be with us. Please pray for me.—James Akins, Box 611.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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Defying Sickness and Death

It Is Appointed Unto Man Once To Die

I have heard of some who think there is a place in the Christian life that we can come to and defy death; in other words, that we shall never die. They use the statement that Jesus made to Martha when He said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." They grab this verse and form the conclusion that if they can only believe just as the Lord would have them believe they shall never die the physical death. They even go far enough to say that if any of their members should die it is a sign they have backslidden. Poor Paul, you must have made a mistake when you said, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." Paul said that he had kept the faith, also he showed that he lived a holy and unblamable life in the sight of God and man. No one but those ignorant of the Word of God would make such statements as this, "We shall never die, if we only believe we shall never die," etc.

It is true that Jesus made this statement to Martha, but the question is, did He mean to convey the thought to her that she could, by a certain degree of faith, be able to defy death and live forever? I say, "No, He did not." Here is the thought and meaning: First I will say that, "It is appointed unto men once to die," Heb. 9:27. Paul said it was better for him to die, and that for him to die was gain. Phil. 1:21. Jesus revealed to Peter that he must shortly die (not live forever). 2 Peter 1:14. Peter was one of the chief apostles. God honored him with the power of performing the most stupendous miracles, yet He revealed to him of his near approaching death. Paul said of himself that he was not a whit behind the chiefest apostle, yet Paul died and suffered great bodily harm, even to losing his head at Nero's block.

Here is the fact concerning Jesus' statement to Martha. "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Though he had been dead a thousand years, he shall live. When? At the resurrection. Why? Because he was a believer. What next? And whosoever liveth and believeth shall never die. When? At the time of the resurrection. They shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Jesus is here showing to Martha what He shall cause to take place at the resurrection.

Can we truthfully say at any time that we are immune to death? I say, No. Did not Paul say, "I die daily!" This has no reference to dying out to fleshly lusts, but simply means that he was daily subject to physical death. He stood in jeopardy every hour. Why would he do this if the dead rise not?

Then are we like Paul, "dying daily," that is, are we subject to suffering pains and trials in this life? Most assuredly we are. But what of the many today who are rising up, saying, "I am immune to any bodily harm"? They say, "God will protect me, Satan cannot affect me by sickness or bodily harm through his agents." Brother, can you cite one instance showing that Paul was immune to the perils of this life? He said that he was in "stripes often." What! Paul, did someone do you bodily harm by whipping you? Yes, I received thirty-nine stripes from the Jews at five different times. Was that all the bodily harm you received, Paul? No, three different times I was beaten with rods. Were these all the perils you had, Paul? No, I became wearied in body and had terrible pains and weakness and infirmities. See 1 Cor. 11:23-30.

Epaphroditus Sick

Paul had a partner in the gospel. He referred to him as his brother, his companion in labors, his fellow soldier, and the messenger of the church at Philippi. We can readily see that Paul recognied Epaphroditus as being a wonderful man of God, and when he returned to Philippi, Paul took special care in sending him. He requested that they receive him in the Lord. Paul thought this wonderful man of God worthy of carrying the inspired epistle to the Philippians. Was this wonderful man immune to sickness? No. Paul wrote to the Philippian brethren that he had been sick nigh unto death. His sickness lasted quite a while, for he was sick long enough for the Philippian church to hear about it, then get word back to him. It must have taken several months for the news to travel both ways since they had no fast mail, telephone or telegraph. Yes, this good man had been real sick nigh unto death, but Paul never once intimated that he had backslidden, but kept praying for him until the Lord finally healed him. Then Paul was very careful with him, lest he should take a backset.

This good man contracted sickness while in Rome ministering to Paul who was in prison. Satan is apt to attack any child of God at any time, if God permits, as in Job's case.

Job Could Not Hide His Suffering

Poor old Job was a perfect and upright man, but Satan touched him and caused him to break out with sore boils. Job certainly knew that the boils were on him, because the Word says they were sore boils. They bothered him so much that he took a broken piece of pot and scraped himself. His friends saw that his grief was great. They sat down and did not speak to him for seven days and nights. The Hebrew word for grief in this instance is "kaab," which means pain, therefore his friends saw that his pain was great. He was suffering real agonies under the hand of the enemy. Everyone could see that he was in pain.

Brother, do you claim to be more favored in God's sight than Job, Peter, Epaphroditus, or Paul? Paul said that he gloried in such trials.

Why are we to be harassed with demons of sickness and other trials? Here it is, Paul said that he gloried in them because they worked for him a far more eternal weight of glory. This is why the saints of God are to be tried, God wants them to obtain the best. Suffering always brings a more mellow spirit and draws us closer to God.

Paul had another companion who was a Gentile and who so loved the Lord that he was willing to suffer with Paul for the sake of the gospel. He made some long journeys with Paul but, alas, while at Miletus he took sick and was not able to continue with Paul on his journey. Was he back-

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Drinking Among Women

The Federal Bureau of Investigation reported for the fiscal year 1941, 28,450 arrests in 410 cities over 25,000 population, representing an increase of 35.4 per cent over 1940.

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Juvenile Delinquency

Widespread drinking among boys and girls and minors is without precedent in American history. This rise in drinking among youth is directly chargeable to an increase of drinking among parents.

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Church-Giving Increase

The total amount reported given by the nineteen major church bodies for 1943 was $376,946,856 as compared to $352,533,507 in 1942. The yearly per capita average was $2.80 for missions and $12.94 for congregational expense.

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Methodist Church Increase

The Methodist Church reports an increase in membership over last year. A gain of 66,653 members has been reported from less than half of the constituent churches, and a total gain of 130,000 is expected. Last year's gain was 80,829. The entire membership of the Methodist Church in the United States is reported at 7,813,891.

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Financial Loss

The national liquor bill is reported to be $4,000,000,000 annually and for the ten-year prohibition period it is estimated to have totaled $40,000,000. The exact number of heartaches are not known, but they are not less than the number of dollars spent for intoxicating liquor.

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The Year Liquor Record

National Prohibition reports that Government figures show an increase in liquor consumption per capita from 8.35 gallons in 1934 to 16.84 gallons per capita in 1942. The number of drinking joints have increased from 175,000 before prohibition to more than 400,000 in 1943.

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Moscow Theological Institute

The Soviet Government is reported to have approved the setting up of a Theological Institute in Moscow for the training of Orthodox clergymen. This is the first move of its kind since 1917. Arrangements were effected prior to the recognization of the Orthodox Church. Similar institutions are planned to be opened in Kiev and Stalingrad.

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Minnesota Schools Plan Mission Instruction

Minnesota Council of Religious Education has decided to sponsor a statewide high school Christian mission. The plans involve visits to a majority of high schools in the State by Protestant leaders who will hold one-day meetings. Preaching, group and individual consultation will be part of the program.

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Bible in Schools

A report coming out of Raleigh, N. C., by *Religious News*, states that the North Carolina Federation of Women's Club has set up a special division in its educational department to promote teaching of the Bible in public schools. Some 90 to 100 communities are now reported to be providing Biblical instruction in public schools for boys and girls.

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Juvenile Arrests Increase

Dr. Clinton Howard, writing in *Watchman-Examiner*, states that, "In the first nine months of this year, 1943, the arrest of girls under twenty-one years of age, for offenses against common decency, increased 69.6 per cent over the same period last year; arrests of girls this same age, for crime against property in the form of robbery, burglary, larceny, and related crimes, increased 33.6 per cent. A survey just completed, Dr. Howard said, of "arrests in eighteen leading cities, representing a population of ten million inhabitants," reflects an increase of 42.7 per cent in arrests of boys under eighteen years of age, and 43 per cent of girls under eighteen years of age over the first six months of 1942.

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Chaplains in Industry

Religious Service states that the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities wants chaplains in factories. The Commission hopes for the approval of both labor and management. It is expected that the move would be financed by the church, management and labor. In some localities this service has already been adopted and has the endorsement of the local C.I.O. and A.F. of L. It is stated that there is a growing demand for this chaplaincy in the United States and Britain. The British have been appointing their own labor or factory chaplains to minister to the needs of war workers. Coventry is to the lead in the movement in England. It is a case of taking the church to the laborers. Several manufacturers have done this on a small scale for some years.

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Billy Bray Vs Voltaire

Under the caption of "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun," *Sunday School Times* states that "Billy Bray, the great evangelist of Great Britain, visiting a museum in Paris, France, was shown the chair in which the great infidel, Voltaire, had rested. The impetuous Cornishman leaped over the rail separating him from the chair, and before he could be further restrained he stood upright in it and sang, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run."

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Communism

Bible News Flashes says that, "They are spreading their poisonous doctrine of hate among the Negroes and thereby making it impossible for them to live in peace with the white people around them.

"Communism is dying in Russia, or rather it is being run out of Russia by the Russians themselves, but it is still active in this country, as the records of these race riots show."

Congressman Rankin then quotes from a letter written by a soldier from Detroit, Mich. "One of these (Communist) speakers shouted, 'The party of the Negro people is the Communist party. If you want to be free and happy, you should join the Communist party of Michigan as soon as possible. The rich capitalists, white people of Detroit, have robbed you. . . The Communist Party is your only hope of getting back what is yours.'"

The soldier also said, "That latest blood outburst is just the beginning, if communism is allowed to continue its revolutionary program in Detroit and the United States of America."

Spirit-Filled

By

J. A. WHITLOW

Text: Acts 2:4, *"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."*

Civilization is tottering under the terrible pressure of last day evils. This dispensation will soon come to an end. The heavy dark clouds of God's judgments are gathering and soon will burst with mighty fury upon the heads of Christ-rejecting, God-defying and Holy Ghost despisers of this pleasure-mad world.

We must not sleep as do others, but must watch and pray. Be sober-minded. Let every minister and member of the Church of God lay hold on the horns of the altar and pray until we become Spirit-filled. We must act, and do so quickly if we are to lead the lost to Christ. We can only do exploits in soul-saving as we depend on God's Holy Spirit to work in our midst. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," Zech. 4:6. It is the spirit of the Lord that will bring conviction to sinners, bring great revivals, and give faith to the people of a sinning world. We must not depend altogether on our own resources, but remember God's Spirit and the power of Spirit-filled lives is the need of the hour.

Surely we are in a time of great crisis, a time when modernism is taking the country by storm. It is a day of unrest, an age when the enemy is holding high carnival over the masses of humanity. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." The time has arrived when we must witness the fact of the great need among our ranks of being Spirit-filled. In Luke 1:15 we read of John the Baptist being Spirit-filled. "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb." Say, preacher, if you want to be great in the sight of God, seek to be filled with His Spirit. I am afraid too many of us seek the favor of man and sacrifice spiritual principles, thus losing the great gift of God-given power that brings conviction to our hearers.

We notice the simple message of John the Baptist in the third chapter of Matthew: "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." His manner of life was very plain and simple. His raiment was of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle was about his loins, and his meat was locust and wild honey. What was there about this unheard-of man of the wilderness of Judaea that caused the multitude of the regions around Jordan to confess their sins? He was Spirit-filled. The message of repentance was burning in his soul. John the Baptist lost his head for being Spirit-filled, but he gained a home in glory.

We are facing problems we have never faced before. This old world is forgetting God. God's ministers must be filled with the Holy Spirit regardless of the price we pay; if not, the Church will lose its evangelistic power and our progress will be dangerously retarded.

We love to think of Stephen, the first to give his life into the hands of wicked men to prove he was Spirit-filled. He was stoned to death. God's Word says, "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God." The only thing that really matters in this last day is to be full of the Holy Ghost and be sure our eyes are on Jesus. Whether living or dying we can be Spirit-filled and know God is near, and know we are His children.

Our text says on that great day in the upper room they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and the preceding verse says, "And the whole house was filled wherein they were sitting." If the whole house was filled wherein they were assembled, then the occupants of that wonderful room were submerged, covered up and overwhelmed. No doubt they opened their mouths to praise God and the glorious Holy Spirit ran down into their souls until great spontaneous outcries of joy escaped from their hearts insomuch that the internal fervent heat ignited their whole beings with Holy Ghost fire from heaven and they were Spirit-filled, Spirit-possessed and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, thus initiating this wonderful downpour of God's Pentecostal power to all who will believe.

Say, preacher, are you ashamed of such an experience? I think I can hear you say, "No, of course not." Then let us pray God to fill our churches until there shall be no more room for the devil. God will submerge our people in church buildings full of His power until the Spirit of the Lord will run in and fill their cups to overflowing, then we will have a revival that will spread through the entire Church of God. We can then prove we are Spirit-filled.

The early apostolic church proved they were Spirit-filled and had received the Holy Ghost by their faith and works. Their substantial growth in addition to this happy band bespake God's power was upon them. Mighty signs and wonders following their ministry was ample proof of their association with God. The people of that day continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine. They didn't compromise or lean toward any one's opinion, but kept on believing the apostles' doctrine. God honored them. They suffered many persecutions, many of them died for the testimony they held, but they were Spirit-filled men and were not afraid of hardships, privations, and the ill treatment of an unbelieving world.

There were recognizable signs in those days, that men were Spirit-filled. When the early Church was looking for the seven deacons, they said, "Look ye out among you seven men full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." Brother, we know yet today the man who is full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom and I am sure this is the need of the hour. We are glad for our broad-minded men of the Church who are able to display such marvelous wisdom and I am sure we are all proud of our ministry, but the need of spiritual power to lubricate and make the Church move on and to see our people Spirit-possessed, is great indeed.

It has become difficult in a lot of places to see seekers baptized with the Holy Ghost. Let us die out to the world, put our all on the altar for God, seek Him in earnest supplication until our altars are cleared of the present seekers of the Holy Ghost, then we will have room for more. We must be-

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THE SKY'S STILL THERE . . . . . Pauline Weaver

War—death—hunger—loneliness—tears—, they're all here these days. We see part of them daily at home; we read the others in grim headlines in our daily paper. But yet—the sky's still there!

Senseless, did you say? But no, it is not; can never be, for that sky speaks of so many things. Constancy, courage, eternal and infinite love, and everything that any human soul needs, he can find it when he lifts his eyes up—up—up—and realizes the sky's still there. Because, beyond that sunrise, that glorious colorful sunset, the twinkling stars, the white light of the moon, there are other things. There is heaven—a place of beauty, and rest eternal, and ours some day! And there in heaven, in beauty and splendor, on a throne, is God—the one great Father of all mankind, who looks upon this world. God: and with Him His beloved Son who proved His love to us about two thousand years ago by coming to our world, and finding for His ownself the things we have today: wars, and hurts, and tears, and pain. Then, death; not for a glorious cause as some are now giving their lives, but for poor sinful people who loved Him not.

Can you not grasp faith, lonely soldier, by a glimpse of that sky? If you *are* in a muddy trench, if there are planes overhead, if you do see flying dirt and debris and you know you are in a dangerous position, can't you see, above it all, a little patch of blue? Have they been able to change that? Does not the sun still rise and set in splendor? Do not the same stars as your loved ones see so many miles away still twinkle down at you? Perhaps you have forgotten to look. Then look, for just a moment, catch a glimpse of that constant, never-changing sky, and then see beyond—heaven, and God! Ah, faith, beautiful faith! They can never hurt you or what you believe in. The sky's still there, and so is God's protecting, loving hand. Wars WILL cease, tyranny WILL end, peace SHALL be, and you shall share it beyond that serene sky!

Lonely, weary heart, how long since you've noticed the sky's still there? How long since you've taken time to watch a sunset, the ending of another day? Watch one now. See the beautiful changing colors. Watch how the golden day changes into dusky blue and pink twilight. See the white clouds silently sailing by. Hear the little birds up there getting settled for the night. Hear the gentle voice as it says, "Are you not worth more than many sparrows?" See, there is the first star, constantly, unchanging, timeless. Perhaps the same one looked down upon Jesus the night He went away and prayed for you: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." And, "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am." And we shall be, so says the sky! I see Jesus beyond that blue, and pink, and white, as He plans our life and sees our loneliness and unhappiness, but sees in it also a blessing for us. Perhaps our mansion there in the golden city will be a bit brighter, a bit larger, because of these days of anxiety and fear. But need we fear, need we be anxious? Isn't the sky there? Isn't God there, too? "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Look up, the load lightens, and we are leaning on His everlasting arms!

Have you forgotten the sky because the one you loved so is no longer with you? Do take time to notice the sky's still there. Perhaps you even feel a little bitter toward God for allowing one so dear to you to be gone. Go out, stand silently in the night. Lift up your eyes. Gaze. Quiet, peaceful, beautiful—that's the sky for you. That's what GOD made, not war, and hate, and greed, and lust, and death; man made those himself. Forget man. Keep gazing at the sky. Feel His peace. See into heaven—golden streets, pearl gates, wonderful mansions, tearless eyes, shouting saints, Jesus Himself, and God! Isn't it all right? If your loved one is there among such happiness, do you mind? Would you put him back below that sky, with only glimpses of it? Or are you afraid to trust that God who gave us that wonderful, unchanging sky, to care for him in Africa, or China, or anywhere he may be? Surely not, because the sky's *there*, too!

You've heard that little proverb "When the outlook is not good, try the uplook." It's always good. It's always there. It teaches us of His constancy, His love, His goodness toward us. It is not for a favored few to glimpse, as is man's beauty and man's wealth; but it is for all those who "lift up thine eyes." 'Tis all we need to do, look up, and realize the sky's still there!

Envy

By MRS. RONA THOMISON

Envy is that feeling of discontent, or uneasiness, which makes us covet the good fortunes or possessions of others. The Bible regards envy as a sin. "Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways," Prov. 3:31. "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying," Rom. 13:13. We see that old spirit of envy creeping in on God's children. Some will envy others because the Lord is blessing them. They will say if they can't get a blessing they don't want to see others blessed. It is the same with some in material things. Some don't want to see others prosper. They will say things or act in a way that will hurt them. "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings," 1 Peter 2:1.

I believe that any true Spirit-filled Christian should be glad to see his brother or sister get the blessings of the Lord. I know there are many spirits in the world today. It takes much prayer and meditation to overcome them, but if we will obey the Word of God and keep our lives consecrated, we can overcome.

We know that envy and coveteousness are along the same line. In Luke 12:15 we find, "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Therefore it is not a big name or riches we receive in this world; it is the life we live that will count in the end. We should not envy our brother or sister in Christ. We should love them and pray one for another that we may

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Spiritual Light

By MRS. LELA SIKES

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven," Matt. 5:14-16.

Brother, if there has ever been a time that spiritual light is needed it is now. The world is lost in darkness and there are so many so-called Christians who don't have any light to let shine to the world that people are dying every day, going to *hell*, when if someone would have published his experience and let his light shine some poor soul would have seen the light and been saved.

Just stop and think, if there were no sun, moon or stars, what a dreadful place this world would be. But God spoke light into existence. He said, "Let there be light," and there was light. He divided the light from "day" and the dark "night." This is what He has done for the Christians' lights, He had divided them from the darkness of sin, but they are so few they light only a small portion of the world. It is time for us to awake and let our light shine to the world. Don't stay at home when it is service time just because you don't like the pastor, because if you do you are failing to let your light shine and if you are not careful and prayerful your light will soon go out. A Sunday or church religion is no good to any one; it will not make souls hungry for the same experience and you will not be successful in leading your neighbor to Christ. The men and women you work and associate with expect to see some light and Christ-like life out of you as a professor.

The way to keep our lights shining brightly is to keep polished up with the Word of God. Sometimes it takes a hard scrubbing, but a smoked lamp chimney has to be scrubbed. Let's look over our reflector, which is our outward appearance, and see if there are any rusty or dusty spots. John said that Christ would baptize with the Holy Ghost and *fire*. Matt. 3:11. Fire makes a light and if you are not burning, use a little kindling or blowing with the Word of God.

FEAR

F. D. CAREY

"This then is the message that we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all," 1 John 1:5.

Man fears that he does not understand or know. A strange dog will invite fear to some. Others are afraid of a stray cat. Some have a morbid fear of snakes. If we could get an insight into the habits or come to know the different animals, or their customs, we would begin to lose some of the fear we had. A child fears the dark because it gets his eyes off the material things that he knows. You switch on the light and he loses his fear, because he can see the old familiar things in his room. They were there in the dark but as he could not see them he lost consciousness of the fact that they were still there. If the sun were suddenly thrown in eclipse we would see the stars shining in the skies just as at night. If we could, when the shadows roll around us, have magnetic vision, we could see Jesus by our side just as when everything goes well. If we could get our television working just right and see beyond the Jordan; if we could have death rolled aside when its hands remove one of our loved ones who has lived for the Lord, we would see our Savior Jesus as He welcomes them to the Glory world, as He gives them a glad welcome and takes them by the hand.

That which we do not understand that we fear. We do not know just what the dentist will do when we go into his office. Perhaps he has a sign outside his door "Painless Dentist," but the screams we hear emitting from the office do not tend to alleviate our fears. We do not understand why the screams if no pain results from the extraction of a molar. Perhaps the patient has a case of nervousness and relieves the tension by a few screams.

A physician doing research work will try his experiments on a guinea pig. After he reaches a stage that he thinks it will be a success he is ready for an experiment with a human being. The human guinea pig will enter into the experiment with vague misgivings, hoping that all will be well. The physician is tense. His associates are all on the job, tense and alert. They have vague misgivings. Their thoughts are varied. At last the experiment is tried. It is a success; but the result was not known until all had been accomplished. They could not pull back the curtain of time and see the final outcome. Fear was there until the final outcome.

Thank God that we as real followers of God do not have to worship and serve an unknown God. We do not have to offer sacrifices that do not appease an angry God, neither do we have to receive salvation that we do not know anything about. We are able to accept God in His fulness and receive a blessing from the glory world that will put such joy into our soul that we will be unable to contain it. Those who say there is no joy in serving God, no deep satisfaction, no feeling, are "clouds without water." Jude 13. God will reveal to us here in this present world, the glories that will be ours when we receive our reward, and there will be different rewards. Thank God for being so good to us that He rent the veil of the temple in twain for all that will allow the veil to be rent. There are those who will not allow the veil to be rent. They prefer the darkness to remain in their lives, allowing others to come in contact with the living God. God's wonderful light will come into your heart and reveal glory untold here in this present ungodly world.

REPORT

TRINITY, Tex.—The Church of God at Trinity, Texas, is going over the top. We have one of the best pastors we ever had, Brother Smithers. We surely appreciate him and his faithful wife. Pray for us.—Sister H. J. French, Box 335.

Walk in the Light as He Is in the Light

By S. M. GUTHRIE

In 1 Kings 8:61 we find that God says, "Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day." God means for us to keep His command, not only by saying we are walking in the light as He is in the light, but proving it by letting our lights shine. As Jesus says in Matt. 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

He does not only mean for us to live free from sin, but He means for us to go forth and heal the sick as He did so we can let this wicked and adulterous generation see that we are God's servants. Didn't Jesus say in Acts 1:8 that, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you?" We find that in Acts 2:1, on the day of Pentecost, when that one hundred and twenty saints received the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord!

We find in Acts 3:1 that Peter and John went up together. They were full of the Spirit and were ready to be witnesses for Jesus, and they proved in every place they went that they were witnesses for Him.

Job 8:19, 20 says, "Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow. Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evildoers." Glory to God! He is always ready to help us if we will let Him. In Matt. 7:24-27, we find Jesus speaking of two different types of people, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

Mark 16:14-20, "Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

James 2:20, "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" Glory to God! Praise His holy name! Mark 16:16 says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Phil. 2:5 (Please note this text; take it to yourself), "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." For we know that He had a mind to heal the sick and afflicted everywhere and to keep the commandments that His Father sent Him to do, and we see Him as He goes to the tomb where Lazarus was laid. This saying is found in John 11:34. 1 Peter 2:21, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." Dear readers, pray for me that I'll ever be faithful unto the end.

The Difference in Other Tongues

J. L. DILLINGHAM

"Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that he may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries," 1 Cor. 14:1, 2.

"Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret," verse 13.

Now take notice that if I speak in an unknown tongue, God's Word said let me pray that I may interpret. If I interpret myself speaking in tongues, I will have to have the gift of interpretation that is given to people who have received the Holy Ghost. One can interpret a message in tongues because he or she has the gift of interpretation. According to God's Word, other tongues as they spake on the day of Pentecost were in seventeen different languages and the people understood them because it was their own language. These people could interpret these messages and still they were not even saved, but they could understand. Why? Because it was their own language. But, my dear brother, when anyone interprets his own language speaking in an unknown tongue, he will have to have the gift of interpretation of tongues. That is in the 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians, the gifts of the Spirit that are given every man to profit withal.

I am not writing this because any special wisdom was given to me above any other, but we have a God in heaven that revealeth secrets. May God bless us all and lead us on from victory to victory and glory to glory.

A Great Revival

SALTVILLE, Va.—The Church of God at Saltville, Va., has just closed a great revival with the Ward evangelistic party in charge. Brother Newton Ward brought messages that were a great blessing to both the church and friends. Thirty-four were saved, seven sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. We praise God for His blessings and for the privilege we have had of working with these humble gospel workers.

Pray for the church here; it is a new work.—Harrell D. Morris, pastor.

The Church of God Orphanage

REV. F. R. HARRAWOOD, *Superintendent*

A Wonderful Christmas

We wish to thank every one of you for your nice Christmas presents and your hearty response in helping make this one of the best Christmases we have ever had in our Orphanage. Special Christmas offerings began to arrive early. Numbers of churches sent special offerings and the largest offering coming by mail was from the Baltimore, Maryland, church, Rev. Fred B. Marine, pastor. The largest offering coming by wire was from the Middletown, Ohio, church, Rev. H. R. Corley, pastor.

Part of the playground equipment arrived for the Girls' Home. This is being furnished by the State of Georgia. Also, part of the equipment for the Boys' Home arrived and we bought four nice Shetland ponies for the boys, which are being furnished by the State of Florida. The children in both homes were made happy at Christmas time by these useful gifts that will prove a blessing to them throughout the year.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

For the thousands of coupons that you sent in. We asked you for 200,000 and you gave us even more. Probably the largest shipment of coupons that has even been shipped at one time from this office was shipped about the first of the year. We trust you will keep the good work going and that you will make this the greatest year in our history in successful coupon drives. A more detailed report will be given next month.

SPECIAL NOTICE

If your name does not appear in our last report of the Christmas gifts received during the last quarter, just be patient as numbers of packages have been received since the first of the year. I am sure that you planned for the gifts to be here by Christmas but on account of the crowded mails they did not arrive in time to be listed, therefore they will be listed in the next report

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Christmas at the Orphanage

It was our happy privilege to be present at both the Boys' and Girls' Home Christmas Eve and Christmas morning to help in the distribution of the many nice gifts given to them, which were made possible by our loyal people out on the field.

F. R. HARRAWOOD, Supt.

In the far end of each room, next to the piano, stood nicely decorated trees; also the rooms had all the appearance of Christmas time. Some 138 anxious children sang Christmas carols, which added so much to the real Christmas spirit.

With the assistance of the General Overseer, also the matrons of each home, the many presents were given to the children and you may know that their hearts were made glad. We truly appreciate the kind thoughts of the people on the field, which they expressed by their actions in sending presents and finance for the homeless and fatherless children at this particular time. We sincerely thank every one of you who have contributed of your means, and also the good wishes and prayers for this worthy cause.—Rev. E. J. Boehmer, Chairman of the Orphanage Committee.

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Additional Room

While the other departments of the Church are confronted with perplexing problems, the Superintendent of the Orphanage and the Orphanage Committee are also knitting their eyebrows over their problems.

We are so much in need of more room and recently the need became so great in the Girls' Home that we hardly knew what to do, but our wide awake Superintendent, Brother F. R. Harrawood, soon had a solution, that is a great relief for the present. He volunteered to move out of the Barnes Street Home, which was some years ago used for the girls but was turned over to the Superintendent, Brother Harrawood, soon after the last Assembly. This home will soon be ready to receive about twelve girls. We hope it won't be long until material will be available again so that we may be able to enlarge our borders to receive as many as possible of the needy little orphans and there will be many more after this terrible war is over.

Brother Harrawood is certainly on the job and many improvements and much progress is being made and much is being saved by having a superintendent to take care of such purchases and improvements as are necessary from time to time.—Rev. U. D. Tidwell, member of the Orphanage Committee.

Churches Having Largest Orphanage Offerings for November

Alabama	Krafton
Arizona	Phoenix
Arkansas	Sharpe Chapel
California	Suisun
Colorado	Colorado Springs
Delaware	Milford
District of Columbia	Washington
Florida	Miami
Georgia	Atlanta
Idaho	Sandpoint
Illinois	Chauncey
Indiana	Shelburn
Iowa	Davenport
Kansas	Pleasanton
Kentucky	Crescent Springs
Louisiana	New Orleans
Maine	Lincoln Center
Maryland	Baltimore
Michigan	W. Flint
Mississippi	N. Shady Grove
Missouri	Cantwell
Montana	Bigtimber
Nebraska	Omaha
New Jersey	Millville
New Mexico	Clayton
New York	Brooklyn
North Carolina	Kannapolis
North Dakota	Epworth
Ohio	Canton
Oklahoma	Shawnee

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TESTIMONIES

Please Do Help Me Pray

DELHI, La.—Dear Church of God Christians, I am led to write you as my heart is troubled. I long to be in service of my dear Lord and this morning finds me worried as there is a wonderful revival going on at our dear old church at Dunn and so far it hasn't been that I can go. Oh, if I could only attend regularly I know I would be stronger; but, praise God, He hasn't forsaken or left me. When I am in trouble He is the One who comforts me. Dear ones, isn't it sweet to just forget the things of the world and be wrapped in the sweet peace of Jesus' love and to have a talk with our dear Savior who understands.

I have loved ones who need salvation and my desire this morning is to see every one of them saved before I I leave this world to go to my home sweet home at the end of the way. Dear saints, please help me pray for them. I have nine children, three saved and six unsaved, and their father. Please do help me; they need your prayers. I have dedicated each of them to God and to His service, to use in any way He sees fit. I also have a son-in-law who is back in sin and needs your earnest prayers that he can get to the Lord. I have a daughter who wants to go to Bible School next fall. Please help me pray for the Lord to open a way for her to go. Dear saints, let us be careful to keep the rules of our dear old Church of God pure and holy. May the Lord bless each of you. I will highly appreciate hearing from anyone and will try to answer. I again ask for your prayers for my family and myself, that the Lord will strengthen my faith.—Mrs. E. D. Forman.

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Get in His Will and Be Blessed

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am glad to tell of how God has been blessing. I came to California about a year ago. Our dear Brother Slay sent me to Coalinga, Calif. God wonderfully blessed us throughout the year and gave us a good church there. I went back East against the will of the Lord. It is a miserable thing to be out of the will of God. While at the Assembly I promised the Lord I would do His will. Since coming back to California I could feel the Lord would have me to come to Bakersfield. Being here around two months, trying to get a building was seemingly impossible. After almost giving up God led me to a building which is on the main street in Bakersfield, the best location in town.

I began to work and remodel the building, made seats, and the people said they were as comfortable as any seat. Do you know why? Because God was in it. I sent my wife to buy a piano. I told her to not pay over one hundred dollars for one. She came back saying she couldn't find one for less than two hundred dollars that was worth anything. We had only a hundred dollars left. The Lord knew we needed a piano. When down at the newspaper office putting the announcement in the paper of my first service, a woman was there putting an announcement in the paper of her piano for sale. I bought it, a very good piano.

We have a nice church and five-room house and it furnished. It cost about four hundred dollars to get started. We do not owe any bills. We have a lease for a year and have the rent paid for two months. How wonderfully God has been blessing us. At our Sunday night service God was really with us. Brother Coulston, of Texas, a wonderful man of God, preached on "The Standard of God." The brothers and sisters had been praying that God would send a church that would preach the standard. Pray for us in Bakersfield, Calif., that we will preach the standard of God and that He will give us a good church. If you are not being blessed of God, get in His will and then you can stand and see the salvation of God.—Kirby J. Hensley, 223 Chester Ave., Bakersfield, Calf.

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God Does Heal

ROME, Ga.—I praise the Lord for the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for His loving-kindness and tender mercy, for sparing me up to this day. I also praise and thank Him for His great healing power. He is so real to me. He heals my body when I get sick. He comes to my rescue when the dark and heavy shadows are hanging over me. Praise the Lord. I am so glad that my Redeemer liveth. When I get down on my knees to pray I am not praying to a dead god but the God who hears and answers prayers.

I was stricken with flu and it seemed like I was getting worse all the time. I would get so hoarse at night I could hardly talk. I sent for the pastor to come over and pray for me. Brother Muncy and his wife came over and prayed for me and the Lord gloriously healed my body, for which I give Him all the praise. I am up today doing my housework and feel as well as I ever did.

We may get discouraged sometimes and turn away from God, but He will never turn away from us; He is always on the throne, ready to pardon our sins and heal the brokenhearted. I never get too busy to welcome Jesus in my home every day. I never get too busy to pray no matter what I am doing, for, dear children of God, that is one thing needful throughout the world—prayer and more prayer.

Remember our loved ones who are without God. Pray for me, that I will ever be in the center of God's will.—Mrs. John Kelley, 2 Waddell St.

To the Boys in Service

A short message to the brothers in the Army. My heart goes out to you as a mother, no matter who or where you are. Let me beg you as one who is praying for you to stand true and live good and clean every hour. Now is your precious chance to do something for Jesus. Talk to the sinner boys about this good holiness way. Lift up a high standard every time you can. Preach holiness every time you can. Do not be afraid to pray. Let God use your tongue. If they reject you, don't feel out of heart. The words you say for Jesus now you may never see any fruit of yet they may bring forth fruit if Jesus tarries. Be bold for Jesus; let's be soul winners. Praise God, I am praying for you, that God will use every one to spread this good gospel. Oh, we need to work while it is day, for we are nearing the close of our privilege.

You dear boys who have no mother to pray for you, don't feel downhearted. You have thousands of dear Christian brothers and sisters who are really praying hourly for you; and, every sinner soldier, just remember, prayers are going up before God continually for you. Don't reject your soul's salvation but look to Jesus. Oh, let me beg you to seek God now. Read your Bibles. Call on God. He will hear. God bless everyone of you.—Mrs. H. A. Trenton, Turnerville, Ga.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of Brother Absalom Bean's eyes, they are very bad.—Mrs. Absalom Bean, Bermuda.

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The Lord to heal my daughter, the doctor says she will have to have an operation.—Mrs. W. S. Weatherford, Tampa, Fla.

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My mother to be healed of high blood pressure, heart trouble and other ailments; me to be healed of low blood pressure; my son in the Navy; my home.—Lucille Duncan, Cayce, S. C.

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The healing of my body; my home. —Mrs. Anna Deulen Ayres, Box 242, Watonga, Okla.

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The Lord to heal me of sinus and kidney troubles.—Ida Coleman, Lewistown, Mont.

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My brother who is in service overseas to be saved.—Mrs. Martha Page, Rhodhiss, N. C.

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The healing of my father and mother who are very sick with flu and kidney trouble.—J. L. Brewer, Leachville, Ark.

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God to undertake for me and my home.—Rev. T. N. Smith, 100 Foraker Ave., Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

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Mrs. Lee, who is in a very bad condition; me to be healed of sinus trouble and bad nerves; my three brothers in the army.—Mrs. E. L. Mote, Habersham, Ga.

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My healing, I have something wrong with my heart.—Ettie Fortner, Rt. 4, Box 229, Galax, Va.

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Betty Sauls, 1057 Whitethrone, Columbus 4, Ohio, to be healed of mastoids.

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My five sons in Service.—Mrs. J. A. Douglas, Williamsburg, Ky.

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The healing of my eyes and body; my husband's heart to be healed; my daughter's nerves; special unspoken request.—Mrs. L. A. Doss, Danville, Va.

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My mother to be healed of a cancer.—Mrs. Mildred Wall, Rt. 2, Forrest Rd., Columbus, Ga.

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Me to be healed of stomach trouble. —Mrs. George Parris, Olla, La.

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My boy to be healed of appendicitis. —Geo. Courney, Widener, Ark.

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Me to be completely healed; our sons in Africa.—Mrs. Leonora Jones, Siler City, N. C.

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God to undertake for me.—M. A. Tate, East Beckley, W. Va.

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Mrs. Oscar Williams, who is in the sanatorium with T. B. to be healed; my eyes and body.—Mrs. Ella Keith, Quicksand, Ky.

In Memory of

STOCKWELL

Brother John Stockwell slipped away to be with Jesus November 25, 1943.—His pastor, A. L. Cross, Bitely, Mich.

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LEVESQUE

Brother Daunel Levesque, a faithful member of the Church of God, at Cherry Valley, Ark., departed this life December 3, 1943.—L. R. Collins, pastor; Glovie Bell, reporter.

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PERKINS

Little Hoyle Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perkins, of East Chattanooga, Tenn., passed away December 30, 1943.—Jewell Jordan, 2301 Dodson Ave., Chattanooga 6, Tenn.

WROTEN

Sister Sadie A. Wroten, a member of the Church of God at Cambridge, Md., was called home on November 18, 1943; age thirty-seven years.—Her sister, Hattie M. Harvey, East New Market, Md.

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LAMB

Sister Elizabeth Lamb, a faithful member of the Church of God at Lancaster, Ky., departed this life to be with Jesus December 26, 1943; age twenty-seven years.—W. L. Bloomfield, pastor, Box 429, Lancaster, Ky.

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DINGESS

Enslow Dingess departed this life December 25, 1943; age fifty-nine years.—R. E. Worley, pastor, Verdunville, W. Va.

EATON

Sister A. P. Eaton, a faithful member of the Church of God, went home to be with Jesus November 25, 1943; age seventy-one years.—Her pastor, W. E. Rampy, West Olive St., Odessa, Texas.

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BROOK

Sister Esther Brook, daughter of Rev. and Sister Tom Brook, and a member of the Church of God at East Bernstadt, Ky., went home to be with Jesus January 7, 1944; age twelve years, five months and seventeen days. —Levi Henson, Williamsburg, Ky.

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BOOKER

Pvt. Medford C. Booker, nineteen years old, was reported killed in action November 11, 1943, in Italy.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Booker, 32 Euclid Ave., Willoughby, Ohio. Pvt. Booker was a faithful member of the Church of God Y.P.E. at Mentor, Ohio.—Joel D. Brown, pastor, 18 Mooreland Ave., Willoughby, Ohio.

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ELSWICK

Willie Elswick went to be with Jesus December 8, 1943; age fifty-five years. —R. E. Worley, pastor.

Great Year for Newhall Church

NEWHALL, W. Va.—On November 7 we closed a four weeks' revival which was conducted by our pastor, Brother P. B. Duncan. God met with us every night in a wonderful way. The messages that went forth touched the hearts of hard-hearted sinners. There were twelve saved, five sanctified, three with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water and two added to the church. There have been four saved in the regular Sunday night services since the revival closed.

We thank God for our good pastor. We feel like this is going to be the greatest year the Newhall church has ever known. Much interest is being shown by friends of the church. The crowds have been larger than ever before. Many nights the building has been filled to its capacity. We have remodeled our church building and painted it inside and out since Brother Duncan came here.

We are now starting our second revival since the Assembly. Rev. A. J. Cox is the evangelist. Pray for this revival and that God will give us many souls. Praise the Lord.—Mrs. H. R. McGuire, clerk.

News from the Field

Wonderful Interest Manifested

AUBURNDALE, Fla.—For the past three weeks Brother Carl L. White has been conducting street meetings. He came over from Haines City on Saturday afternoons and started having services. I don't believe we have seen so much interest in all of our experience. He plays his best records on his sounding system and, my, how they ring out. The streets pack with earnest listeners. It has been estimated that around five hundred people stand listening from time to time, some crying, some asking us to pray with them. The pastor of the First Baptist church said he had to stop his studies and get out on the porch and listen to the speaking. He told some of his people that was fine. The Methodist minister has been here at our home this week commenting on the services. He said it looks like they were going to have to get out on the streets and go to preaching to have someone to preach to. Brothers and sisters, God is with Brother and Sister White. They are a great help to a church. When we would meet for the service on Saturday night the Holy Ghost and the power of God was in the midst. Please pray for Auburndale. —C. V. Smith and wife.

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KINGSPORT, Tenn.—We are indeed happy to report the wonderful four weeks' revival just closed here in Kingsport. Our dear pastor, Brother Clyde Ogle, entering his second year with us, did the preaching, anointed with the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. The revival spirit was on and the altar was filled with seekers each night. The church was revived and six were saved, five sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, seven added to the church, and two baptized in water. The presence and power of God was with us in a great way.

The interest in both the Sunday School and church is growing. Yes, we are indeed grateful for what God is doing for us here in Kingsport. We have built a lovely new parsonage and have it paid for excepting approximately $100. We love and appreciate our pastor and his good wife and sweet twin babies. We feel that Brother Ogle is a real shepherd and has been feeding our souls on the deeper truths of God's Word. Pray for us that we will stay humble and that God's blessings will continue to be on us in Kingsport.—Mrs. C. R. Sizemore, 1273 Chestnut St.

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PUEBLO, Colo.—We have just closed a two-week revival, with Brother D. A. Biggs, our much esteemed state overseer, in charge. We praise God for the wonderful messages brought to us each evening. Only one was saved and the crowds were small also, but the interest was good.

At the close of said meeting we set a church in order with nine members, four by transfer and five new ones. Brother Biggs and family are heartily welcomed back at all times. He was fortunate enough to have a birthday anniversay while here, so the sisters prepared him a lovely supper.—W. A. Melson, 1304 Pine St.

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News From Orlando, Florida

We would like to give the readers a brief review of our work and progress in the Church of God in Orlando for the past thirteen months. First, the spirituality in our church has increased to the extent that it is appreciated by all the local church members. This has been one of the main factors in the all-round progress that the church has made. Our crowds on Sunday nights have doubled, and we have an average of 3,000 people monthly who attend our services. We have enjoyed two good revival meetings and there have been over 200 who sought the Lord during this time, and close to fifty saved, with about thirty added to the church. A large number of these have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Our Sunday School has averaged well over one hundred. While we don't have a large Sunday School, it is a well-balanced one.

Secondary in the line of progress is our radio work. In addition to the above, the church here for the last thirteen months has carried on an extensive radio program of over seventy hours broadcasting. This is not just a hit-and-miss program, but one of the oldest Church of God programs in the State; and out of the thirteen months, it has missed only one Sunday. This program has received around 800 letters, and mail is continually coming in at all times. The radio station has a coverage of 290,000 population, and it is estimated that we have a listening audience of 60,000. No funds are solicited over the air, as it is carried on entirely by faith, which, we think, is much better. Every program has been paid for, and a considerable amount is in the treasury for future work. We have had Brother Jernigan, our state superintendent, to tell us that we have the best time that could be had, from 1:00 to 1:45 p. m. This program comes direct from the church by remote control, and is assisted mainly by the ladies' trio, which has been with us ever since the beginning of our broadcast. We feel that this ladies' trio is among the best radio talent we have ever heard, and is composed of Mrs. H. L. Sorrow, Mrs. Tiny Alderman, and Mrs. Margaret Wade.

Radio Station WLOF is located in Orlando, maintaining studios in the Angebilt Hotel, one of the nicest hotels in our city, and has an excellent management. Many favors have been granted the Church of God by this station, and we wish to state our gratitude and appreciation for their kind consideration.

Orlando is one of Florida's most beautiful cities, and is one of the fastest growing cities in the State. Greater Orlando has a population of 70,000, in addition to several thousand service men. In this beautiful city, just six and one-half blocks from the main part of town, the Church of God is located. Our church has been completely remodeled, with an addition of 15½'x22'. This composes our choir and rostrum. The whole inside of the church has been redecorated, floors varnished, seats stained, and new rubber runners put down. The whole rostrum has been covered with a nice rug, and many other new things have been added. We believe we have one among the nicest little Church of God auditoriums in the State of Florida. Orlando has a nice six-room parsonage, well-furnished, and has just recently been painted inside, and several new features added. The remodeling and addition to our church building has cost well over one thousand dollars. This entire amount has been raised in the last six weeks.

Besides this remodeling, there was around $7,000 that went through the

local church treasury in the last thirteen months. We have so many things to thank God for, that we hardly know where to begin. This is just a little review of some of the things which God has done for us.—H. L. Sorrow, pastor.

P. S.—Since the writing of this article, we have just closed another good revival. Rev. H. O. Harris, of Louisville, Kentucky, was the evangelist. Our church was greatly revived and several were saved. Three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, ten were baptized in water, and six added to the church. We can recommend Brother Harris as a wonderful evangelist, for he has certainly done a wonderful work here in Orlando. We are expecting to start another revival the first of the year. Sister Florence Kinsley will be the evangelist.

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Wilcoe W. Va., Church Rejoicing

The pastor came from the state ministers' meeting with that enthusiasm that one usually gets from such meetings and conventions. On Sunday night he asked the church if they would pray for a revival, to which they gladly consented.

A day or two later a neighbor pastor, Brother L. W. Davis, brought Brother Ward, of Parkersburg, over to see if they were interested in a revival, explaining that he had invited Brother Ward for a revival in another church, but they had made other arrangements before Brother Ward arrived. The church accepted Brother Ward and the battle was on. And such a battle—the devil worked but he didn't hinder. Night after night Brother Ward fired away with his spontaneous messages; night after night conviction labored with souls, who came to the altar weeping and left with the glory of God shining on their faces—shouting, and dancing, and talking in tongues, which drove conviction to other hearts.

One of the most striking and beautiful things was to see people who were weeping over their sins one night bringing someone to the altar the next night and praying with them until they, too, found the joy of the Lord.

For five weeks this continued, then the final day came. On Sunday, Nov. 7, Brother Ward had the privilege of lining up the fruits of his labors along the bank of the Tug River and baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

That night, Brother J. C. McClendon graciously consented to tell us what the Church of God stands for and against, in that dynamic way of his, and fourteen of those bright-eyed "babes in Christ" received fellowship in the Church of God. Well, it was wonderful, but the Lord still had a greater feast for us. The altar filled again and again as Brother Ward and Brother McClendon administered the Lord's Supper, in a deluge of glory—Oh! such Glory! The rains continued to pour, the winds of heaven continued to blow and the waves of glory rolled, and broke, and flooded our souls with effervescent sprays from the realms of peace and joy, as we washed one another's feet. Brother Ward could not see for the tears, to read the names of those who brought the shower of shirts, ties, handkerchiefs, etc., that followed.

We want to thank our many brethren, sisters, and friends all over the country, who have been praying for this visitation of the power of God. We want to thank everyone who fasted, for every meal they missed—especially do we thank the members of the church at Elbert for their support in fasting, prayer, working in the altar, and finance.

A Pentecostal sister, whose name we do not remember, wielded a great influence in getting souls to the altar and encouraging them—we thank her with all sincerity. I am sure everyone of you will be glad to remember that you have had a part in this ingathering of souls. More than all else, we thank the Lord.

There are others to whom we wish to especially express our appreciation—those who have labored with us for revivals in the past, particularly Sister Nance, who labored with us so faithfully last year. To each of you: I feel that we are reaping some of the rewards of your labors—rejoice with us.

To every reader: Please pray that the Lord will give to the church and pastor the wisdom and ability to care for this young flock, and that the revival spirit will continue.—A. B. Dixon.

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Revival

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—I praise God for the way He blessed in our revival. On October 21 Brother Earl Brewer started a revival at Richburg, Miss., which ran three weeks. I thank God for victory. The Lord did something that the devil said couldn't be done. God sent Brother Brewer to our rescue. Thank God for a man like Brother Brewer, a man who is led by the Spirit, preaches God's Word and will not compromise with the devil. The church was dead, there were about two or three members left, but praise God, it is on fire now. God gave us fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost and sixteen added to the church. I thank God because I was one of the fourteen and sixteen. I sought about ten years off and on for the Holy Ghost. The devil said it was not for me; God had forsaken me long ago, but bless God, it wasn't so. God filled me with the Holy Ghost. Bless His sweet name! I feel it now. If you have never seen a little band of people on fire for God and a band which loves one another and loves the pastor, come to our church at Richburg. They are really on fire for God. God gives us a good Sunday School. There hadn't been a Sunday School there for several years. The devil is so mad he cannot sleep but we are so glad we don't want to sleep. Praise the Lord and thank God for a man like Brother Brewer. Please pray for the little church in Richburg, that we will run the devil so far he cannot find the way back, and that we will go over the top for Jesus.—Evelyn Dawson, Rt. 3.

We Need Your Prayers

MACON, Ga.—Dear Christians, I feel that my family and I need your prayers, so please pray for us to live closer to the Lord. We ask God to save our souls and forgive us for every sin that we have done. I have read quite a few of the Lighted Pathway copies. I also read them to my husband for he cannot see well enough to read. We surely enjoy them very much. Please pray for the healing of my husband's eyes; he is almost blind. We believe and have faith in the Lord, that He will heal his eyes. I trust and praise His holy name that He will. I pray that He will cleanse our souls and take away every sin. We feel that God has come to us in the last week and told us we were sinners and I know it, so we are giving our souls up to Him for Him to have His own way with us. Pray for us to seek the Lord. We need Him; everybody needs Him. Praise His holy and sweet name, He who died to save us all. Pray that He will baptize us with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Roy Shores.

SPIRIT-FILLED

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lieve God to send great victory into our midst that will sweep many through to the Holy Spirit.

I feel it in my soul that this will be a great year for the Church of God and I am sure my brother ministers will pray with me that many will be Spirit-filled in all our churches throughout the great Church of God.

Let us repeat the words of Jesus in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." We certainly need power with God to do some things for this lost fallen generation. The gift of power is in the reach of every one of us if we are full of the Spirit—power to heal the sick, power to cast out devils, to have revivals, and power to have the signs of Spirit-filled believers following us. Brother, we need to beg God to give us this wonderful gift of power.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the most wonderful crowning gift that God ever gave to a soul this side of the pearly gates, but we must be clean through His eternal Word, washed in His precious blood, with our minds made up to walk in the light. Then after a consecration on this order, God will thrill our souls with His Holy Spirit.

I love the prophecy of Joel when he said, "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions, and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit." Then when God rained it down at Pentecost, Peter said, "This is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel." Thank God for this great prophecy fulfilled.

Our Lord stood in the last day, that great day of the feast, and cried, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink; he that believeth on me as the scripture hath saith, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit which they that believe on him should receive, for the Holy Ghost was not yet given, for Jesus was not yet glorified." Are you thirsting for the Holy Spirit, dear reader? Jesus will start the waters of life springing up in your soul if you will trust and believe.

The Holy Ghost will give us the boldness in this evil day. May God help us to stress the need of Spirit-filling in the lives of our congregation as we rush on toward eternity. God is doing His best to put back into the Church the faith and power that was once delivered unto the saints. We must let Him work individually and immediately.

ORPHANAGE REPORTS

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Oregon	Salem
Pennsylvania	Reading
South Carolina	Greenville
South Dakota	Mobridge
Tennessee	Lenoir City
Texas	Dallas
Utah	Moab
Virginia	Mt. Hermon
Washington	Yakima
West Virginia	Switzer
Wisconsin	Mosinee

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Churches Having Largest Orphanage Offerings for December

Alabama	Hueytown
Arizona	S. Phoenix
Arkansas	Nettleton
California	San Pedro
Colorado	Colorado Springs
Delaware	Seaford
District of Columbia	Washington
Florida	Ft. Myers
Georgia	Spring Place
Idaho	Wallace
Illinois	Carmi
Indiana	Coalmont
Iowa	Davenport
Kansas	Pittsburg
Kentucky	Cumberland
Louisiana	Archibald
Maine	Portland
Maryland	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Worcester
Michigan	Dearborn
Minnesota	Pelican Inn
Mississippi	Friendship
Missouri	Leadwood
Montana	Harlowton
Nebraska	Omaha
New Jersey	Penns Grove
New Mexico	Clayton
New York	Brooklyn
North Carolina	Kannapolis
North Dakota	Beulah
Ohio	Middletown
Oklahoma	Shawnee
Oregon	Silverton
Pennsylvania	Lebanon
South Carolina	Greenville
South Dakota	Mobridge
Tennessee	Lenoir City
Texas	Wichita Falls
Utah	Moab
Virginia	S. Richmond
Washington	Yakima
West Virginia	Nolan
Wisconsin	Mosinee
Wyoming	Casper

DEFYING SICKNESS AND DEATH

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slidden? No, it was only a trial, and the trial became more severe when Paul, for the Gospel's sake, had to bid farewell to him and leave him in a weakened and sickened condition, back at Miletus.

This shows that the true saints of God in the early days of this gospel dispensation were subject to pain and sickness. I am sure that humanity is the same, the devil is the same, also God is the same as in former days. Then if you should become afflicted in sickness, do not think that you have backslidden, but examine your life, then know that your sickness is for the glory of God to either show His power in healing or else to draw you to some deeper experience in Him.

A Modern Day Experience

Five or six months after I had received the Holy Ghost baptism into my life, I began to have some severe trials. At first I felt that I would never have any more serious trials, and even made the expression publicly. I thought I had faith for most anything. I also was earnestly praying, endeavoring to go deeper into God. I little knew how God would bring it about. Almost suddenly I took a pain in my back. I called for about three ministers to come and pray for me. I felt sure God would heal me but He did not. (Remember that I was fresh and new in the way and was not retrograding but rather reaching to higher heights.) I grew worse, the rheumatism went to my shoulders and arms that same night, also by daylight next morning I could hardly walk. My wife took me over to Brother McLain's in a buggy. I was still growing worse. By this time I could not get into the house without help. I was almost crying with pain. I lay in bed for two weeks suffering untold agonies. Did Satan for one moment make me believe that I had backslidden? No, sir, he did not, but the experience I received has been one of untold value to me. It made me know something more of the working of unclean spirits that often prey upon our bodies; also it made me know something more of the power of God to cast them out. My suffering not only

strengthened my faith in God for deliverance, but it was a great blessing and uplift to Brother McLain and others on the line of divine healing. Brother McLain fasted a great deal for my deliverance and at last God gave him power to cast the unclean spirit out, then I was healed.

Was that affliction a sign of a backslidden condition? Was it because I had not faith enough to keep it off? No, neither are right. God wanted me to help others, and because of this severe trial, I have since been able, under God, to see others delivered of similar afflictions. I will close by saying that no true Christian is immune to such trials.—*Life Sketch and Sermons of F. F. Lee, 373 pages, cloth bound. Price,* 50c.

ENVY

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all be able to overcome that old spirit of envy.

Not only that, there are many things the enemy of our soul presents to us daily, but let us all be able to say as Jesus did, "It is written," for I believe every true child of God feels that the time will not be long until it will all be over and Christ will come for His chosen ones. We can be in that number if we will obey and do as Rom. 13:13 tells us, which I have already quoted.

There are many other scriptures we could find which tell us to guard against that little world "envy." It is a little word but it is something that will sap our victory and cause us to lose our soul if we let it get hold on us. James 3:16, "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

Pressing On

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I praise God for the Evangel; is has meant much to my home in many ways. The greatest way is by healing. Once when I was dying the Lord healed me by my pastor laying the Evangel on me. I had already been anointed, prayed for by pastor and the saints, but when they laid the Evangel on my body the healing power came, so it gave me great faith in the paper, I have been told how our good brethren and sisters at the Publishing House pray over the papers before they are sent out. I can see them now asking God's blessings on the readers. It seems my little children have great faith, too, in the paper. When one has an ache or pain or cold he starts praying and if the results do not come as quickly as they think they should, they run to the Evangel. Thank God tonight finds me pressing on. These days find me trying to let my light shine for Jesus in my community.

We have a wonderful pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Alderman. They are doing a good work here. He preaches over the air every Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock. Tune in and listen. We have a mission Sunday in Harthaven, a few miles from the City of Jacksonville. We have some very faithful members, especially our secretary and treasurer, Irine Prengle, a fine child of God. Pray for us, dear reader, if you know the worth of prayer, that we will keep pressing on and that we will bear the cross for Jesus' sake in the face of a sinful world. Let us pray for one another. I want to be a better Christian wife and mother and let my light shine brighter than ever before.—Happy Smith, Rt. 5, Box 573.

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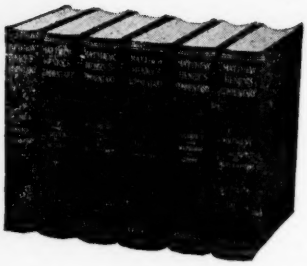
He Has Been Wonderful to Us

SILVER CREEK, Ga.—We praise the Lord for our church at Yarbroughtown, Ga. We praise Him for our pastor, Brother Noah Roberson. We believe he is doing all he can to help our church. We praise Him for all the good blessings He has been giving us in our church. He has been wonderful to us. We ask the prayers of every brother and sister that we may do more for the Lord in the future than we have in the past. It seems that we need the Lord now more than ever before. Let's pray more for our soldier boys. I know there are many unsaved boys and they need our prayers. Let's pray for the Lord to save them while they are away. May God bless every brother and sister, is my prayer.—E. M. Atkins, clerk.



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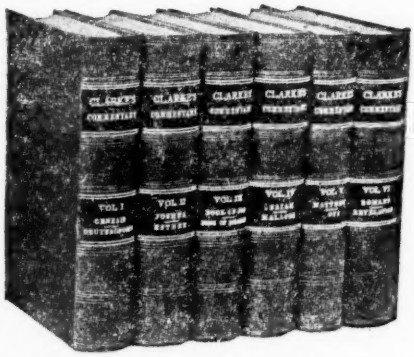

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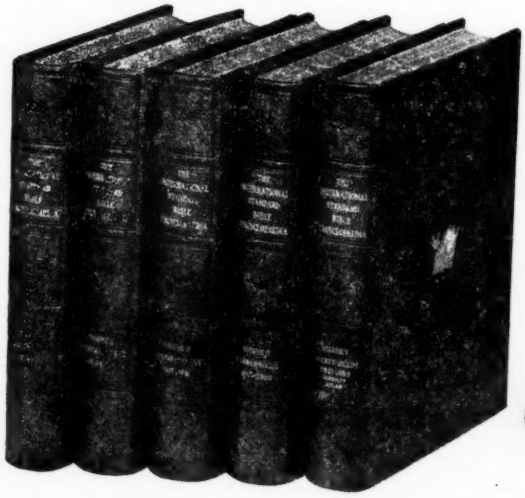

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